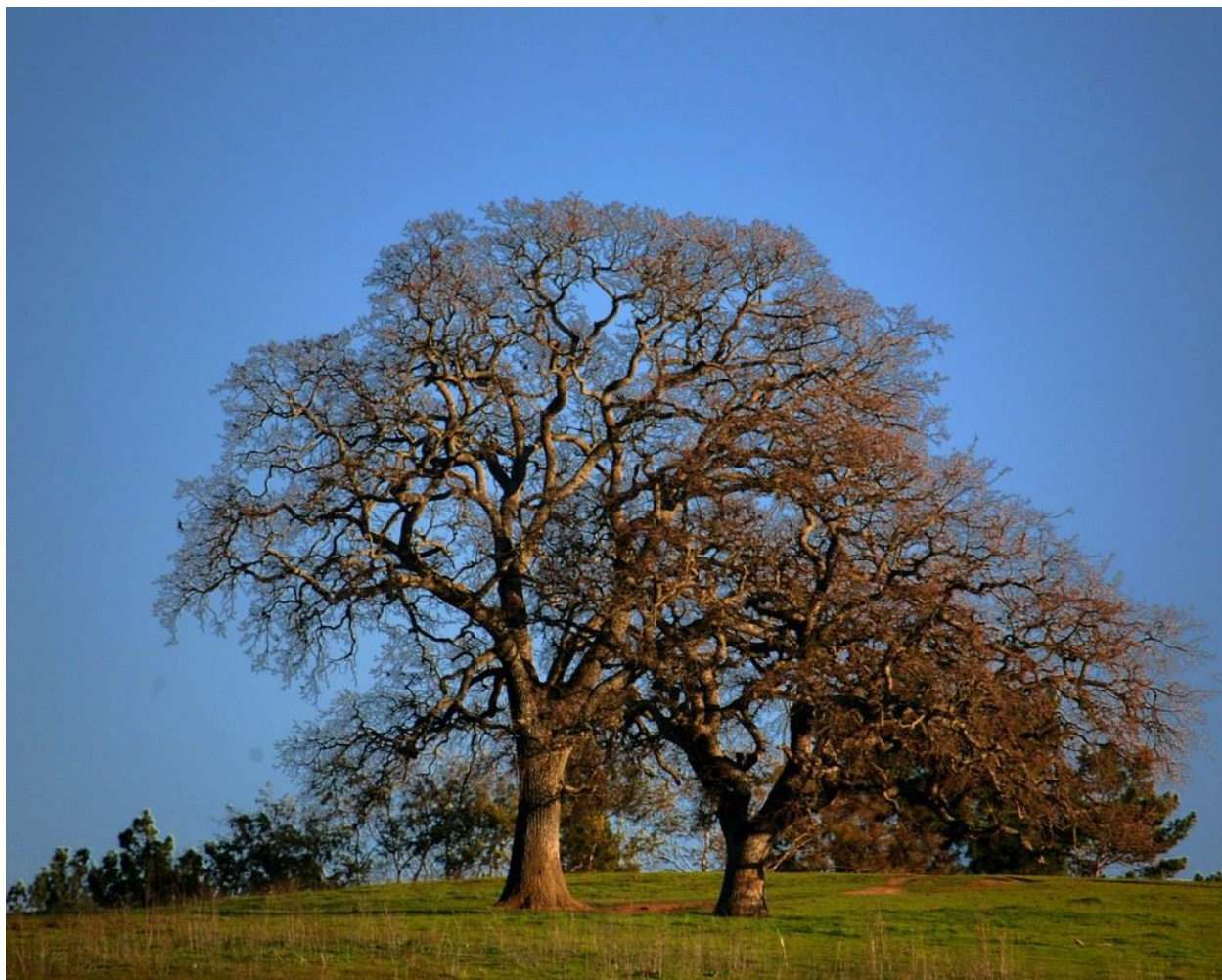




End of term farewell – Friday 17th July 2026

As another wonderful school year comes to an end, it is hard to believe just how much we have achieved together. This year has been filled with memorable moments, incredible achievements and countless reasons to celebrate. It also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for many members of our school community – our Year 2 children as they prepare for junior school, our Bear Cubs moving on to Reception, and some of our valued staff embarking on new adventures.

Each of you has left your mark on Busbridge Infant School, and the memories you have created will remain a special part of our school for years to come.

There have been so many highlights this year. We are immensely proud of the outstanding progress made by all of our children, as well as our fantastic achievements in the Year 1 Phonics

Screening Check and Year 2 outcomes. We've enjoyed unforgettable trips to Windsor Castle, West Wittering, Milestones Museum and many other exciting places, taken part in a wide range of enrichment clubs, embraced special events throughout the year and successfully navigated the challenges of the Red Weather Warning! Every experience has helped make this year one to remember.

As we head into the summer holidays, we wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful break (and hopefully plenty of sunshine too!) We look forward to welcoming our returning children in September, greeting the newest members of our Busbridge family and watching our Year 2 children flourish as they begin their next adventure. **Please remember that we are a strictly nut-free school. We kindly ask that you check the packaging of all food sent in from home to ensure it does not contain nuts.**

Finally, thank you for your continued support, kindness and encouragement throughout the year. Your partnership means so much to us. The strength of our school lies in its community, and together we continue to make Busbridge Infant School a truly special place for every child to learn, grow and thrive.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Chalk & Mrs Jones



A special farewell to our Year 2 children



Our Year 2 children deserve a very special mention. You have been shining examples of our school values throughout your time at Busbridge Infant School. You have shown resilience when things have been challenging, creativity in your learning, respect for one another and the adults around you, and have been incredible collaborators. Every single one of you is unique, and each of you has made your own special mark on our school.

As A.A. Milne wisely wrote: "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

We have had the privilege of watching you grow from your very first days in Reception into the confident, kind and capable young people you are today. You have achieved so much, embraced every opportunity and are more than ready for the exciting journey ahead.

We absolutely loved your **David Hattenscarf** performance. It was funny, thoughtful, full of confidence, and perfectly captured everything that makes your year group so special. You performed with enthusiasm, teamwork and joy, making us all incredibly proud.

Now it's your turn to shine as you begin the next chapter of your education. We know you will continue to amaze everyone you meet.

Good luck, Year 2. Be brave, be kind, keep believing in yourselves and never stop being curious.

Please don't forget us—and remember, you will always be part of the Busbridge family. Come back and see us soon.



A Heartfelt thank you to our Year 2 families

As your children prepare to move on to their junior schools, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our Year 2 families for the incredible support, kindness and encouragement you have shown throughout your time at Busbridge Infant School. Working in partnership with you has been invaluable, and your trust, involvement and willingness to support the school have helped create such a positive experience for our children.

We are also incredibly grateful for your generosity in raising **£338.93** towards a Year 2 leavers' gift for the school. This wonderful contribution will help fund our exciting new **Enchanted Fairy Garden** at the top of the Year 1 outdoor area. What a truly magical legacy to leave behind for future Busbridge children to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to create something so special for the next generation of Busbridge pupils.

Good Luck, Bear Cubs!

This week, our Bear Cubs class gave a wonderful end-of-year assembly to celebrate their time in pre-school. They performed with such confidence, and their beautiful singing made us all incredibly proud.

One of the most special moments was seeing their Year 1 buddies bring them into the hall symbolising the exciting journey they are about to begin. It was a lovely reminder of the caring community we have at Busbridge.

Whether they are continuing their journey with us at **Busbridge Infant School** or moving on to a new school for Reception, we wish all of our Bear Cubs every happiness and success. We know they are more than ready for this exciting next step and can't wait to see them continue to flourish.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Hodnett, Mrs Webb and the wider pre-school team** for making Bear Cubs such a wonderful place to learn and grow. We would also like to thank **Mrs Beamer** for playing the piano during their performance.

Thank you to our staff



As we come to the end of another fantastic year, we would like to thank our entire Busbridge team for their dedication, enthusiasm and care. From our teachers and teaching assistants to our office staff, kitchen team, the caretaker and everyone behind the scenes, every member of staff plays a vital role in making Busbridge such a special place.

This term we also say goodbye to **Mrs Blackaby** and **Miss Owen**, who are moving on to new schools, **Miss Woodgate**, who begins her first teaching post in September, and **Miss Walker**, who is becoming a full-time Woodland Leader. We would also like to thank **Mr Rowland**, **Mrs Warren** and **Miss Roberts** who have been supporting individual children since February half term. We wish everyone leaving Busbridge every success and thank them for all they have contributed to our school community.





Thank you to our volunteers



A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for the time, care and dedication you have given to Busbridge this year. We know how busy life is, so we are incredibly grateful to every family member who has supported our school community.

Whether you have been a class representative, a member of the PTA, a governor, a Woodland volunteer, a reading volunteer, helped with clubs or supported us in countless other ways, thank you. Many of the enriching opportunities we provide for our children simply wouldn't be possible without your generosity and commitment.

Today, we were delighted to welcome many of our volunteers into school during our final assembly to present a small token of our appreciation. Thank you for everything you do for our children and our school.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to **GN Tree Surgery** for their generous donation of wood chips to help enhance our woodland area. We greatly appreciate their support and are always thankful for local businesses that help enrich our school environment. Their kindness will benefit our children.

Thank you for your feedback

We would like to thank all of our families for the kind emails, messages of support and words of appreciation we have received throughout the year. These thoughtful comments are always passed on to the staff and are always greatly appreciated.

We also value your feedback in all its forms. This year, our Trust introduced the new Edurio parent survey, and we would like to thank the **51** families who took the time to complete it. We will be carefully analysing the results and will share how we plan to use your feedback to continue our pursuit of excellence next term.

We were also delighted by the positive response to our new end-of-year report format. Thank you to the **13** families for taking the time to share your encouraging comments which were shared directly with the staff.

House Champions 2025–2026

Congratulations to this year's House Champions, **Paddington** who finished the year with **188** points!

All of our house teams have enjoyed earning rewards throughout the year, with this week's exciting **VR headset experience** providing a fantastic finale. The children absolutely loved the opportunity, and it was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 2 House Captains. They have carried out this important role with pride, acting as excellent role models for the rest of the school and leading their houses so well each week.

We know our Year 1 children will be excited to step into these leadership roles next year. Well done to all of our House Captains—you have been outstanding ambassadors for Busbridge, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Summer Improvements

Whilst the children enjoy a well-earned summer break, **Mr Gratwick** will be busy preparing the school for another exciting year ahead.

Over the summer, he will be:

- Painting our Reception classrooms following the successful repainting of the hall at Easter.

- Creating a new **Enchanted Wood/Fairytale Garden** in the rubbered outdoor area attached to the field, providing a calm, quiet, imaginative space for children to enjoy reading a book at break and lunchtime.
- Continuing to develop our woodland area.
- Installing new furniture and resources which subject leaders have invested in to enhance the children's learning across the curriculum.

A huge thank you to Mr Gratwick for his hard work and dedication in keeping our school looking its very best. We can't wait to welcome everyone back in September to see the improvements!

Safeguarding

Children's Services

If you have a concern about a child or young person being abused or neglected, or an adult who is concerned about a young person's safety and wellbeing during the weekend or school holidays, please remember that you can contact Surrey Children's Services' Single Point of Access, also known as CSPA. Lines are open between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday.

The telephone number for CSPA is 0300 470 9100 or for out of hours, the emergency number is 01483 517898.

A few dates for September



Thursday 3rd - First day of term

Tuesday 8th - Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm in the classrooms

Wednesday 9th - Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm in the classrooms

w/c Monday 14th- Woodland starts for all year groups

Remember to check our website for dates further ahead and for Woodland days which will commence week beginning 14th September 2026.

Dates for the Academic Year 2026 -2027



Half Term - Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October inclusive (two week half term)

Last Day - Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

First Day - Monday 4th January

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February inclusive

Last Day - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

Summer 2027

First Day - Monday 12th April

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June inclusive

Last Day - Friday 23rd July

Inset Days for 2026–2027 are Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September 2026 and Monday 26th July, Tuesday 27th July & Wednesday 28th July 2027. **Following the two-week half-term break in October 2026, we will consult with all stakeholders to determine whether there is a preference for a two-week half-term or a one-week half-term in October 2027.*